

**INITIAL PROPOSAL**  
**Section 16, T14N, R5W**  
**South Lyons Access**

The O'Connell Ranch has proposed re-development of the road system into Section 21, T14N, R5W. The previous road system, developed by Champion Timberlands for harvesting in the 1970's, has been impassable since the collapse of the log bridges in 1981. Between the O'Connell ownerships in Sections 15 and 21, the proposed route would cross the corner of State Section 16.

The objectives of the proposal are as follow:

- Provide access for currently proposed timber harvest on private land
- Provide access for noxious weed management, primarily spotted knapweed
- Provide access for the removal of the debris (logs and dirt) from the collapsed bridges sites. These are an ongoing sediment delivery source to South Fork Lyons Creek.
- Provide improved access for fire suppression
- Provide potential future access for a State timber sale.

The proposal would include the following actions on the state land in the SE¼ Section 16, T14N, R5W.

- Construct approximately 1710' of new road outside of the SMZ of the main stem of the South Fork Lyons Creek
- Install one new permanent culvert at the crossing of a tributary of the South Fork Lyons Creek
- Install a road closure device at or near the section line of Sections 15 and 16, to control (prevent) recreational motorized use.
- Remove the collapsed log and dirt bridges from the stream channel (believed to be present at three locations on the state land). (stream restoration)
- Harvest right-of-way timber and conduct sufficient adjacent shelterwood harvest to offset road construction and stream restoration projects while providing a minimum stumpage income to the Common School Trust.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this proposal, please send them to the DNRC by September 29, 2006.

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Road plan.shp

Lyons est lines.shp

Helena unit lands.shp

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Central Land Office  
Helena Unit

Scale: 0 500 1000 Feet  
1" = 15, 840' 1 inch = 1200.00 feet

North Arrow

Map Labels:

- new road, above SMZ
- enter State
- new CME
- enter State
- new crossing
- join existing road
- replace old crossing
- entering road

Section Numbers: 15, 16, 21, 22

Plot date: August 31, 2006 [rindjarcview.projects.trustlandforestry.com/south/mon5.apr](http://rindjarcview.projects.trustlandforestry.com/south/mon5.apr)